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LUMBER INTERESTS. Those Dreadful Sores

MISSOURI AND KANSAS ASSOCIATION IN ANNUAL MEETING.

TOPICS CONSIDERED.

DELEGATES GRIND OUT BUSINESS, THEN COURT THE BLACK CAT.

Nearly 400 Dealers Had Registered Yesterday and Many More Are in Town-Trade Topics Occupy Business Session Very Fully.

Kansas City entertained yesterday, and will have here to-day, about 400 of the men who make and sell lumber to the people of the West and Southwest. The attendance at the tenth annual meeting of the Missouri and Kansas Association of Lumber Dealers is the largest in its history and the business was disposed of yesterday with snap and without any of the usual delays.

Nearly every seat in Lyceum hall was filled at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, when the convention was called to order by President H. C. Taylor. After the formal opening statement of the president, the report of Secretary H. A. Gorsuch was read and the formal committees for the convention were appointed, as follows: Constitution-A. A. White, Kansas City;

Milo R. Harris, Ottawa, Kas.; R. J. Whalcy, Albany, Mo. Programme-M. R. Smith, Council Grove. Kas.; Jonathan Thomas, Topeka; B. W.

Zimmerman, Sedalia. Resolutions-E. M. Adams, Mound City: Kas.: Harry Davis, Richmond, Mo.: E. S. Minor, Richmond, Mo.; H. B. Bullen,

Stillwater, O. T. Auditing-B. W. Crawford, Girard, Kas.; W. A. Pickering, Springfield, Mo.; R. J.

Hurley, Kansas City. The following is the declaration of principles adopted by the association:

"We seek to establish the equitable principle that the retailer shall not be subjected to competition with the parties from whom he buys; that a fair opportunity shall be offered the man who invests his time and money in the retail business and assumes the risk which such business inevitably involves, to earn an adequate remuneration for his labor and the use of his capital. We seek also to promote that spirit of harmony in the trade which shall prompt every retail dealer to maintain friendly relations with his competitors at home, and his brother retailers everywhere.

The members are from seven states and they are a jolly lot. They come from a busy place, no matter from where they hall, for all lumber dealers of the West have had plenty to do during the past six months and are preparing now for a big spring trade.

There were only the usual opening for-malities during the morning session, and the business of the day was deferred until the afternoon session. During the day 380 dealers registered at the secretary's office. President Taylor's Address.

At the opening of the afternoon session President H. C. Taylor read his annual address. He said the membership of the asdress. He said the membership of the association was now \$57, which was 50 per cent increase over last year. This was very substantial and he was proud to make such a report at the tenth annual meeting. The association had expended over \$200 last year in looking after legislation, and he was pleased to say no prejudicial legislation was enacted. The association had a cash balance of over \$1,500 at the present time. He advanced a system of visitation by the president among the members during the coming year. He advocated proper compensation for officers during said visitations.

He called especial attention to the insurance plan of the association, which had been pushed hard during the past year, and which was now, he said, firmly established and which was now, he said, firmly established and wholly worthy the support of all dealers. He said the old line insurance people had worked the dealers very hard in the past and had harvested the good things for all the opportunity was worth. The reliability of the two mutual companies was now beyond question, and he hoped to find all members soon enrolled as sharers in the profits of the association.

He advocated the establishment of a transportation bureau to look after delayed chipments and adjust all differences that may arise. Until that may be done he advocated that all complaints be referred by dealers to the association for adjustment. Few charges against members had been filed during the past year, and nearly all had been satisfactorily adjusted. Four charges of unfair freight rates had been taken up and settled.

President Taylor compilmented the work done by Secretary Harry Gorsuch and suggested his continuance in that office. He announced the resignation of Jesse Child, of Richmond, Mo., vice president of the association, and his retirement from business. He spoke of the failure to secure a one-fare rate for members, and suggested that next year the meeting be held the same week as the implement dealers, so that the combined influence may possibly secure the desired rate.

Short speeches on delayed shipments were made by Mr. Rorabaugh, of Wellsville, and L. M. Alexander, of Everest, Kas., who moved that a transportation bureau be formed. No second was obtained and the matter went to the committee on resolutions, J. W. Berry, of Jewell, Kas., said he had much trouble with mill men. They claimed they could not get cars. He got cars placed at the mills, the involees then came, but no cars arrived. Then it was learned the stuff was not loaded. A car of could he be defined as a resolution of the saire of the could he to dere do a supposi He called especial attention to the insur-

learned the stuff was not loaded. A car of coal he ordered was sixty days in transitit was all crushed when it arrived and while it waited the company forced him to pay \$6 demurrage, but refused to allow anything for the delays of the car.

A Kansas Man's Kick.

Mr. Rorabaugh, of Wellsville, Kas., said he had a kick. When he quoted prices to a customer, he had to fill it at the price, no matter what market fluctuations might follow, but the wholesalers, who were

follow, but the wholesalers, who were members of the association, would quote a price and if lumber went up, would reject the low price and force the payment of the advanced rate. This he claimed was wrong. He moved the association hold the wholesalers to quotations, but the motion was lost, because the retailers were timid about voting while the wholesalers present veled very promptly and loudly.

Mr. Lidy called attention to the injustice the wholesaler does the retailer by refusing to fill orders under fluctuations, and the retailer, he said, did an equal injustice by cancelling orders after being booked. He said the work of railreads in transferring lumber from our to car during shipment was very wrong. Offtimes a thousand feet was left out of the car and the contents badly damaged. All this he said was wrong. He said when a company accepted a car on through bill of lading it had no right to unload and transfer except in case of breakdown, and that claims for damages should be presented and pushed against the should be presented and pushed against the companies.

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Mr. Berry then renewed the motion to establish a transportation bureau to care for all complaints in transportation mat-ters. The discussion had given the retailers ters. The discussion had given the retailers ample opportunity to recover from their timidity and the motion easily prevailed.

President Taylor then introduced Mrs. Shawhan and Mrs. Maxwell, who were conducting the charity shoe shine in the lobby. Mr. Roraback asked that a collection be taken and \$24.57 was realized for the fund. The society women selected and announced to assist at the shine all failed to assess for duty.

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The auditing committee made a formal report. The committee on programme suggested a number of trade tonies for discussion but all had been covered in the previous discussion. The committee asked that the tonies be discussed at the due seasons of the convention. Mr. Zimmerman, of Sedalia, spoke on the average expense of running a retail yard. He said many dealers really did not know what an expense account involved. B. C. Delaney, of Hale Mo. said his expense was about 2 per 1600, as nearly as he could estimate. M. R. Smith, of Council Grove, Kas, thought from sixteen years' experience, thought from sixteen years' experience, that \$1.50 per 1,000 was the average expense.

They Continued to Spread in Spite of Treatment but Now They are Healed-A Wonderful Work.

"For many years I have been a great sufferer with varicose veins on one of my limbs. My foot and limb became dreadfully swollen. When I stood up I could feel the blood rushing down the veins of this limb. One day I accidentally hit my foot against some object and a sore broke out which continued to spread and was exceedingly painful. I concluded I needed a blood purifier and I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. In a short time those dreadful sores which had caused me so much suffering, began to heal. I kept on faithfully with Hood's Sarsaparilla, and in a short time my limb was completely healed and the sores gave me no more pain. I cannot be too thankful for the wonderful work Hood's Sarsaparilla, has done for me." MRS. A. E. Gilson, Hartland, Vermont.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Is the best-in fact the One True Blood Purifier.

Hood's Pills cure all liver ills. 25 cents.

J. H. Smith, of Galena, Kas., who had been a lumber dealer for thirty years, said he had quit delivering lumber. It was very costly and did not help business in the least. He said he sold shingles at 15 cents advance over cost and lumber at 15 cents advance over cost and lumber at 16 cents advance per 1.000. This statement caused many a prolonged whistle all over the house. He said the lumber men at Carterville were and had been for a long time in a fight. He wanted the association to intervene 4nd get normal conditions restored.

Mr. Rorabaugh, of Wellsville, Kas., who has been known for years as the star "kicker," early in the day said he had reformed and proposed not to kick any more. During the afternoon he showed his sincertity by objecting to a score of things, making twenty-two speeches and announcing that he had some more speeches left for to-day.

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Mr. Garvey, manager of the Lumbermen's exchange, the insurance organization of the association, then spoke for half an hour explaining the details of the company's business. The company now hos 500 policies in force. Many questions were asked about the details, as many of the members were not informed about stock insurance plans.

Mr. Garvey announced that many of the people wanted him to cut rates. He said the company started at the same rate the old companies charged March 19, 1896. Since then the old companies had cut rates in some places more than 50 per cent in trying to cut the growth of the Lumbermen's exchange. The exchange was charging rates as the physical condition of the risk was bettered or grew more risky.

Mr. L. W. Collins, of Brockton, I.a., said he was in favor of mutual insurance. The old companies charged him \$135 per year. In the mutual company it cost him \$27, the balance being credits from profits. That convinced him of the value of the insurance of lumber companies.

Auditor Siedel then presented a specimen case of insurance, the cost and profits and saving.

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Colonel J. H. Fahnesteck, of Minneapolis. Colonel J. H. Fahnestock, of Minneapolis, who represents the Northwestern Lumbertman's Insurance Company, then presented the merits of his company. It is an older company conducted on the same lines.

To-day the business will be completed, the new officers elected and all matters closed up and the members who take part in the excursion to the South will leave in a special train about 7 o'clock for a week's trip. The remaining dealers will be given a reception at the rooms of the Hoo Hoo Club in the Keith & Perry building.

Those Who Are Here.

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The dealers who registered yesterday were as follows:
S. M. Johns, Hutchinson, Kas.
K. V. Johns, Hutchinson, Kas.
J. K. Bolyles, Hutchinson, Kas.
P. Westmacott, Benton, Kas.
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S. M. Swartz, Newton, Kas.
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S. J. Bunker, Springfield, Mo.
G. W. O. Halloren, Springfield, Mo.
C. L. Johnson, Kansas City, Mo.
J. G. Wilson, Keosho, Falls, Kas.
A. T. Wilson, Neosho, Falls, Kas.
M. R. Smith, Council Grove, Kas.
J. A. McClanahan, Kansas City, Mo.
Jonathan Thomas, Topeka, Kas.
M. F. Easley, Fair Play, Mo.
C. B. Bowling, Columbia, Mo.
J. L. Lane, Kansas City, Mo.
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D. W. Zimmerman, Sedalla, Mo.
Charles P. Ives, Baldwin, Kas.
John H. Tole, Liberty, Kas. Those Who Are Here. Charles P. Ives, Baldwin, Kas.
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George W. Crawford, Girerd, Kas.
James Costello, Liberty, Mo.
John T. Varble, Liberty, Mo.
H. S. Whitner, Flat River, Mo.
R. J. Johnson, Kansas City, Mo.
C. E. Puttram, Richmond, Mo.
Fred Hamburg, Bison, Kas. C. D. Logan, Holton, Kas.
R. T. Flournoy, St. Paul, Minn.
C. D. Logan, Holton, Kas.
James E. Gilles, Denison, Minn.
J. F. Hayden, Minneanoits, Minn.
C. L. Lucher, Leavenworth, Kas.
R. M. Burries, Kingsville, Mo.
L. N. Noll, St. Joseph, Mo.
B. C. Dulaney, Hale, Mo.
J. T. Anderson, St. Louis, Mo.
M. D. Kern, Palmer, Kas.
M. L. Coleman, Aurora, Mo.
B. J. Melntyre, Mount Vernon, Mo.
P. L. Jannings, Chapman, Kas.
H. J. Jennings, Chapman, Kas.
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H. P. Sanborn, Chapman, Kas.
H. P. Sanborn, Chapman, Kas.
J. P. E. Wolfe, Frankfort, Ras.
G. Charles, Martin, Lyons, Kas.
Alex Hickey, Leavenworth, Kas.
J. V. Johnson, Lindsborg, Kas.
J. Harmort, Windsborg, Kas.
J. H. R. Southwick, New Combria, Mo.
A. M. Delaney, Cowelli, Mo.
J. F. Ously, Atchison, Kas.
T. M. Lamport, Windsborg, Mo.
T. T. Toruty, Wamman, Mo.
T. M.

C. N. Wilson, Marysville, Kas. Herbert Wilson, Marysville, Kas. I. H. Fetty, Kansas City, Mo. W. L. Karrick, Minneapolls, Minn. Herbert Wilson, Marysville, Kas.

I. H. Fetty, Kansas City, Mo.

W. L. Karrick, Minneapolis, Minn.

J. C. Graham, Lincoln, Neb.

C. R. Keith, Kansas City, Mo.

C. A. Bergman, Moline, Kas.

A. Johannes, Willis, Kas.

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Z. N. Shaw, Galesburg, Kas.

George D. Hope, Kansas City, Mo.

James Gillies, Denison, Kas.

William, Joplin, Mo.

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William Angle, Louisiana, Mo.

Joe Anson, Kansas City, Mo.

Henry Wildgron, Hoisington, Kas.

I. Tempiln, Yates Center, Kas.

F. S. Minor, Bethany, Mo.

W. A. Miner, Ridgeway, Mo.

D. A. Kendall, La Crosse, Wis.

Jess R. Laswell, Mayetta, Kas.

E. C. Phares, Galena, Kas.

C. S. McClellan, Bluff City, Kas.

Charles Shedd, Whiting, Kas.

D. H. Khesky, Kansas City, Mo.

A. C. Foster, Mount Ida, Kas.

Frank P. Strickland, Kansas City, Kas.

William M. Laney, Edina, Mo.

R. M. Mudgert, Blythedale, Mo.

Scott Chambers, Hayward, Wis.

W. A. Bennett, Cedar Falls, Ia.

C. Crowiey, Croquet, Minn.

J. Peery, Brunswick, Mo.

J. A. Smith, Triplett, Mo.

Charles B. Martin, Brunswick, Mo.

John F. Merrill, Paola, Kas.

E. R. Sweeney, Kansas City, Mo.

Harry Swartz, Kansas City, Mo.

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J. C. Sherwood, Kansas City, Mo.

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J. T. Edmonds, Kansas City, Mo.

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J. P. Martin, Clinton, Mo.

F. B. Trekell, Pond Creek, O. T.

T. Gunter, Antrim, La.

T. J. C. Smith, Loquet, Minn,

D. D. Sayles, Lowry City, Mo.

W. E. Matlick, Kahoka, Mo.

W. E. Medes, Kansas City, Mo.

F. W. Ollire, Wichita, Kas.

L. W. Collins, Blockton, Ia. W. E. Matlick, Kahoka, Mo.
C. N. Matlick, Kahoka, Mo.
W. B. Medes, Kansas City, Mo.
F. W. Olliver, Wichita, Kas.
I. W. Collins, Blockton, Ia.
J. H. Watson, Frankfort, Kas.
Hugh Meredith, Gibbs, Mo.
A. I., Hims, Winston, Mo.
A. N. Wagonseller, Kansas City, Kas.
Robert Speer, Hiawatha, Kas.
John Mathieson, Bosworth, Mo.
J. R. Moorehead, Lexington, Mo.
F. R. Lanter, Olathe, Kas.
G. W. Scott, Edgerton, Kas.
D. C. Rounds, Enid, O. T.
J. W. Peake, McCune, Kas.
G. H. Fullington, Idana, Kas.
B. F. Cable, Chicago,
W. O. Creason, Kansas City, Mo.
Luther Creason, Kansas City, Mo.
J. F. Brown, Clinton, Mo.
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J. C. Jones, Pieasant Hill, Mo.
W. B. Woods, Kansas City, Mo.
William Chappell, Holden, Mo.
J. E. Posten, Salina, Kas.
W. E. Thomas, Bogard, Mo.
J. M. Hudson, Windsor, Mo.
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E. P. White, Parsons, Kas.
F. D. White, Parsons, Kas.
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F. D. White, Parsons, Chas.
F. D. White, Mo.
J. N. Cunningham, Norborne, Mo.
S. O. Griffith, Lecton, Mo.
F. M. Eldridge, Kansas City, Mo.
Albert Cone, Chicago.
S. E. Glenn, Kansas City, Mo.
John Anderson, Monitrose, Mo.
D. T. Morton, Kansas City, Mo.
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B. M. Toblas, Ludell, Kas.
H. W. Jacques, Kansas City, Mo.
J. H. Tschudy, Kansas City, Mo.
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H. H. Davis, Richmond, Mo.
F. E. Bates, Richmond, Mo.
F. H. Price, Louisville, Mo.
W. H. Haslette, Tecumseh, Neb.
R. L. Olliver, Davenport, Ia.
Fred Schilling, St. Louis.
C. A. Axtell, Blue Rapids, Kas.
W. W. Baty, Vilets, Kas.
W. W. L. Stickel & Co., Council Grove, Kas.
L. Bloess, St. Louis.
R. C. Walsh, Joplin, Mo.
J. R. Shyder, St. Joseph, Mo.
John Hoehl, Kansas City,
W. P. Davis, Kansas City,
W. L. Mcark, Centralia, Kas.
C. A. Adkins, Kansas City,
W. L. Buckner, Kansas City,
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H. R. Kilpatrick, Kansas City,
J. C. Beedy, Kansas City,
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J. A. Baker, Kansas City,
John H. Wesely, Kansas City,
John H.

J. A. Balker, Kansas City,
George D. Bosworth, Kansas City,
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John B. Gerard, Kansas City,
Eden H. Kiensle, Kansas City,
Al Wallerstein, Chicago,
W. A. Badford, Chicago,
C. W. Croty, Oshkosh, Wis,
J. B. Burkholder, Minneapolls, Minn,
Charles R. Morse, Kansas City,
C. E. Wagar, Kansas City,
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J. H. Hatch, Seneca, Kas,
S. H. Treadway, Kansas City,
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S. H. Treadway, Kansas City,
J. L. Summers, Independence,
W. J. Clark, Pleasant Hill, Mo.
Thomas Stables, Kansas City,
A. J. Minbeyer, Burdett, Kas,
F. A. Stickel, St. Louis,
J. W. Trimble, Mexico, Mo.
E. F. Serviss, Kansas City,
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E. F. Serviss, Kansas City,
J. Reasoner, Reserve, Kas,
R. L. Alexander, Everest, Kas,
H. E. Wilson, Kansas City,
J. W. Berry, Jewell, Kas,
J. F. Hown, Jameson, Mo.
R. M. Hamilton, Claffin, Kas,
W. M. Chatten, Ellinwood, Kas,
George W. Foster, Kansas City,
J. A. Fouts, Osborn, Kas,
R. L. Foster, Linn, Kas,
P. O. Ruer, Kansas City, Mo.
A. V. Hirkle, Waco, Tox,
R. M. Herigham, Randall, Kas,
W. H. Lobby, Parkville, Mo.
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W. D. Robrbaugh, Othawa, Kas,
H. D. Bothbaugh, Othawa, Kas,
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H. D. Hobby, Parkville, Mo.
A. V. Garvey, Kansas City, Mo.
A. J. Showalter, Halstead, Kas,
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A. C. W. Welcome, Halstead, Kas,
B. M. Robbins, Kansas City, Mo.
A. C. Whillems, Hopkins, Mo.
J. C. Murray, Lancaster, Kas,
A. B. Hedrick, Channte, Kas,
A. N. Stuart, Parsons, Kas,
G. F. Williams, Hopkins, Mo.
J. C. Harnestock, Minneapolis, Minn,
T. C. MeGavic, Russell, Kas,
George A. Konants, Uniontown, Kas,
G. F. Williams, Hopkins, Mo.
J. F. Lash, Linneus, Mo.
C. W. Border, Edens, C. F.
A. Barker, Chansas City, Mo.
D. W. Garries, Mo.
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Hoo Hoos Celebrate. The Kansas City Hoo-Hoo Club held a The Kansas City Hoo-Hoo Clib held a concatenation at Lyceum hall last evening and initiated about fifty of the lumbermen into the mysteries of the order of the Black Cat. The ceremonies lasted until a late hour and were of the usually hilarious character. A feast followed.

END OF BAER-YOUMANS INVESTIGA-TION NOT YET IN SIGHT.

MANY RUMORS BUT FEW FACTS

PROSECUTION HAS NOT YET SPRUNG A SENSATION.

President Graham, of the Board of Public Works, Tells How the Mc-Cormicks Brought Him Rumors of Alleged Wrongdoing.

The council investigating committee that is probing the charges against Messrs. Baer and Youmans, of the board of public works, is struggling with heroic perseverance to get at the real facts in the case. A great mass of testimony has been introduced in the four days that have been occupied in the hearing, a great deal of which it was patent was given with a desire to be revenged. on the accused members for real or fancied wrongs and its worth in aiding the committee to make up its findings is of doubtful

The taking of testimony was resumed with President George S. Graham, of the board of public works, on the stand. Interrogated by Mr. Perdue, he explained with reference to the paving of East Nineteenth street with brick that the property owners were very much divided over the use of asphalt and brick and after the question had been pending for some time the board decided that an effort was being made to prevent its paving altogether, and so the board finally decided to take the matter in its own hands and act, which it

Examined by Mr. Ballingal, he stated that he had inspected some of the public work but most of the inspecting had been performed by Baer and Youmans,

"Did either of the McCormicks ever suggest anything to you about the rumors affecting Baer and Youmans?"
"David McCormick did."
"Does not the city charter require the board to make reports to the city council at least once each three months?" asked Mr. Lynch.
"That is, m. understanding."

Mr. Lynch.
"That is my understanding."
"Has the board done that?"
"I can't say positively. I know we rely upon the city counselor to instruct us about learn metters."

upon the city counselor to instruct us about legal matters."
"Do not the laws of the city require the advertising for bids on all work involving the expenditure of over \$200."
"That's my understanding, and in the main the law has been followed. Still, in some intsances, the strict letter of the law may not have been observed."
"Has the board at all times awarded contracts to the lowest bidder."
"That has always been our intention. I will say, however, that we have made mistakes at times in figuring up bids and at subsequent meetings we have made corrections."

Contracts Went to Laws at Bidde.

Contracts Went to Lowest Bidder. "The charter provides for the letting of contracts to the lowest and best bidder, does it not?" asked Mr. Hough.
"Yes, sir. We have always made it a rule
to award contracts to the lowest and best

"If Baer and Youmans had a sub-contract to do work in Westport from the Boyd Construction Company, would they not as members of the board of public works at the same time have to pass upon the work of the Boyd Construction Company in the city for the city?"
"Yes, they would have to do with the auditing of the bills." "Did the board ever notify Eacr to repair any of the streets he was under bond to maintain?"

maintain?"
"I don't remember."
"If such action became necessary,
wouldn't Baer as a member of the board
have to vote to notify himself?"

"I suppose so."

"I saw in the paper where you were quoted as saying you had complained to the mayor about the rumors affecting Baer and Youmans," said Colonel Simends,

"Not Youmans, but Baer," said Mr. Graham. "Did David McCormick complain to you?

Was he one of the parties you heard com-plain of Baer?" asked Mr. Ballingal, "Yes. He told me that he did not think Baer treated the Parker-Washington Comis it not a fact that the board would frequently twit Mr. Baer about the main-tenance of his city contracts?"
"Yes. I heard Youmans and others twit

him about the streets he had paved before going on the board. The streets were not under consideration at the time by the board, and I can't now recall that the board was in session at the time this twitting occurred."

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Here Mr. Lynch devoted some fifteen minutes to an endeavor to show that the board had not at all times awarded contracts to the lowest bidders, but the witness said; "In such matters we invariably used our best endeavors to award contracts to the lowest and best bidders. I have deemed it my daty since going on the board to use every exertion to get the best work possible for the city, and if a lower bid was ever rejected for a higher there was what we considered a good reason for it. In all matters relating to repairing of sidewalks we have consulted the engineer's office and the sidewalk department. There were times when men would bid for city work who had not been prompt in filling former contracts, and as damage suits usually result from delay in repairing sidewalks we tried to give contracts to men who did prompt and efficient work."

Why Mullins Was Discharged.

In reference to the action of the board in awarding a contract for the repair of side-walks, to E. N. Walton, when J. J. Armstrong was contended to be the lowest bid-der, reports of different councilmen and parties connected with the engineering departners, showing a difference of opinion as to which bid was in fact the lowest and best, were put in evidence.
R. J. Boyd, president of the Boyd Paving and Contracting Company, was next called. His company had the contract to build the

and Contracting Company, was next called. His company had the contract to build the O. K. creek intercepting sewer in 1896, and William Mullins, he said, had the contract to do the brick work.

"An accident was caused by a part of the work caving in," he said, "and an investigation by the board of public works disclosed that it was the result of Mullins' neglect. Housekeeper was the city inspector on the work. My impression is that Mullins made complaint to the board. The superintendent of construction and Mr. Eaer investigated the work and told me that I would have to fix it, which I had expected to do, and did do. Nevins was an inspector in my employ on several occasions, and he was in my employ at Westport. He was with me all of 1896."

"Did you make a confidant of him in your business matters to any great extent?" asked Mr. Middlebrook.

"No, sir, I did not."

"Well, I got the contract for No, 9, and as contract and its subsequent transfer to Baer."

"Well, I got the contract for No, 9, and as contracts there were a drag at that time I turned it over to Baer just as I would have done to anyone else. Haer was a bidder for the work, but after I got it and investigated a little I was only too glad to get rid of it."

"Did any consideration or promises pass between you and Baer?"

"Not a single one. I had the contract for No, II, in Westport, at the same time and that was all I cared to do."

"Have Baer or Youmans any interest in your company."

"Not a particle."

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"Not a particle."
"Did they ever lend you any money or make any bonds for you?"
"Never at any time."
At this point Judge R. H. Field appeared as the representative of Colonel Waters and asked: "Was Baer an open competing bidder for the Westport work at the time you got the contract?"
"He was."
"Who are the stockholders in the R. J. Boyd Construction Company?"

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"I don't care to be discourteous, but I must decline to go into my private busi-

"That is private business; then, again, the records will show."
The committee was appealed to to compel an answer.
Colonel Simonds ruled that it had no desire to go into private business affairs and asked Judge Field if he expected to connect Baer and Youmans with the matter.

ing the question, but I certainly would

There you go again. I don't care to go

others did," said Mr. Boyd.
Mr. Lynch asked the witness if lumber had been left in the O. K. creek tunnel, and if so, how much.
"Why, I guess about 100,000 feet—it was necessary, and the lumber was mostly new and good."
"Did you have an understanding with Baer that you were to get the city con-

and good.

"Did you have an understanding with Baer that you were to get the city contracts for turning over that Westport job to him, as one witness has testified?"

"No, sir, I did not. I have done less city work since that time than before."

"Didn't you get the very next sewer contract let in Kansas City?"

"I don't remember, but don't think I did. If I did it was because I was the lowest bidder. I never got a contract in my life but what I was the lowest bidder."

The witness then positively denied the charges made against him by Mullins in his testimony Monday.

Mr. Boyd was then excused, as he stated he desired to make a bid on some work and had only a few minutes in which to do it.

Inferior Brick Work.

Tim Scanlan testified that he was em-

Tim Scanlan testified that he was em ployed on sewer 59 up to the last of August; that he was hired by Ford and paid by Dickey; that he never saw Baer or You-

on he was reinstated and allowed to take the brick work on the O. K. creek sewer contract.

"He was discharged from the former work at my request," he said, "and had it in for me. I had more work to do than I could perform, and I told Mr. Baer so one day, and he told me that I was 'inspecting the work too closely.' Mullins was slighting his work, and I was unable to watch him like I wanted to, and so a heavy rain came and some of it caved in—that is, the braces gave way. There was one tunnel that caved in in part, at least. On discovering these breaks I reported 'gamediately to my superior officer, the superintendent of construction. When Mr. Selden came down I told him that the fault was in Mullins' work; that he was drunk most of the time and should be discharged, which was done by an order from the engineering department. I was then summoned before the board of public works, and after some delay, discharged."

"What about Mr. Baer's using his place for political purposes," askea Colonel Waters, who had ampeared and relieved Ludge.

for political purposes?" asked Colonel Wat-ers, who had appeared and relieved Judge "Well, I know the workmen and employes all thought Mr. Baer let political consider-ations enter into the discharge of his

"Well, just tell about your own case; that is, what you know."

"While I was on sewer work on Grand avenue, and later in Westport, Mr. Baer came to me and told me that if I wanted to do work for the city I must support Webster Davis for governor. He intimated that I would be fired if I didn't. Then I noticed that about all the parties employed about the engineering and other public works departments were of Mr. Baer's way of thinking politically."

Witness attributed the fact of some defective work being done on the O. K. creek intercepting sewer, intrusted to him as inspector, to the fact that he was given more work than one man could do.

"They finally sent me help: a man to inspect the mixing of cement who knew nothing about his business, and was worse than no help at all."

"There is an ordinance requiring employes to be skilled, is there not?" asked Mr. Lynch.

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"If there is such an ordinance it speaks

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"Well, what is the amount of your capi-al stock?"

Judge Field's Persistent Probing. "I don't care to disclose my object in ask-

make no attempt to uselessly consume the make no attempt to uselessly consume the time of the committee," was his answer.

"I have told you that my company has nothing to do with Baer or Youmans and that they never had any interest, directly or indirectly, in it. I will say that the shares of my company's stock are all in the Body family," said the witness.

"Who are the Boyd family?" asked Judge Field.

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"There you go again. I don't care to go into affairs connected with my family."
Asked regarding the tax bills for the Westport work, he said: "When the litigation arose over their validity all parties interested united in defraying the expense of the court proceedings, including myself, Baer and Youmans. Cotter, McDonnell & Co., and, in fact, all of the gentlemen interested in that work."

At this point Mr. Perdue charged that Judge Field was there to develop matters that would be of benefit to him in pending litigation or prospective litigation, and to the charge Judge Field only replied by stentorian laughter. Mr. Perdue then appealed to the committee and Colonel Simonds ruled that the witness must answer. Mr. Boyd then stated that the stockholders of his company were R. J. Boyd, president; William M. Boyd, his brother, secretary and treasurer, and that another brother and sister owned one share each, and said he: "The capital stock is \$5,000. Do you want to know what we made the last year? If so, I can tell you."

"Never mind," said Judge Field, "but I will ask you if Baer did not go to the Lnited States circuit court at Minneapolis in connection with the litigation growing out of Westport tax bills?"

"We admit that he did and that he had the right to do so," chimed in Mr. Perdue, "He went to represent himself, just as others did," said Mr. Boyd.

Mr. Lynch asked the witness if lumber had been left in the O. K. creek tunnel,

Dickey; that he never saw Baer or Youmans about the saloon of Metzinger & McCarthy, where he cashed his time checks.
He knew of the breaking of Ford's buggy
by Baer and Youmans, and said "the buggy
driven by Ford and Dickey was a side
spring buggy."

J. L. Housekeeper testified that he was
employed by the city as an inspector on the
O. K. creek intercepting sewer under the
city engineering department; that just before that work was begun Mullins had
fallen into his old habits-got drunk and
been barred from doing city work, but later
on he was reinstated and allowed to take
the brick work on the O. K. creek sewer
contract.

He Had Heard the Rumors.

for itself, and is the best evidence of it," suggested Mr. Perdue.
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Witness then testified that the only defects in that work up to the time he left it had been discovered and pointed out by him, as testified to above, and that they were in work done by or under Mullins' supervision.

"Was Baer or Youmans connected with that work or any other work that you know of?" asked Mr. Ballingal.

"I am almost certain that they had nothing to do with the work, but I heard quite a number of men say they were interested in the work on 59, and also in the construction of the joint sewer just after that, the name of it I cannot recall. Then when Baer and Youmans got on the board of public works all the old inspectors were irred but two, and I was let out a little later. It caused comment that the men taking the places of those discharged were wholly inexperienced in their work."

"What did Mr. Baer mean by telling you that you were inspecting that O. K. creek that you were inspecting that O. K. creek sewer work too closely?" asked Mr. Lynch "That's just what I have often asked my-

self."
"I thought the committee was here to determine that," said Mr. Perdue.
At this stage Mr. Youmans explained that
Housekeeper was let out because he was
paying too close attention to the excavat-

ing and was neglecting the brick and cement work. "I know that to be the reason he was let out, for I taiked over the matter with Mr. Baer at the time."

M. G. McCarthy, of Metzinger & McCarthy, the Grand avenue saloonkeeper, testified about cashing time checks on 59 for Ford, and on 9. Westport, for Baer. He never knew Baer or Youmans to have anything to do with the work on 59, but had heard some general talk among the men that they were the real contractors on 59. They just in a general way said they believed Baer and Youmans were the real contractors." I cannot now for sure give the names of any of the men making the talk. Jim Anderson, maybe, was one of them, but I can't be positive. Baer came into my saloon one day and paid the time checks issued on his Westport work. He never paid off any issued on 59. Dickey paid the money on that work. I got an idea that Bear was interested in the work, but in what way, except as I have stated, I can't say."

"You are positive that the time checks paid off by Baer were on the Westport work?" asked Mr. Ballingal.

"I am, and I am also positive that Dickey paid the checks on 59."

"Did you look into the work on 59."

"I was buying checks on that work, and once I heard that payments were behind—that is, for material—and I looked into it until I found that W. S. Dickey was responsible for the checks, and I gave the matter no further attention."

F. P. McCormick Called.

F. P. McCormick Called. In reply to a question by Mr. Perdue,

"I didn't think Baer was connected with the 59 work, for the reason that he was on the board of public works, and it would not have been legal."
"How do you know if would not hav been legal? Have you read the city char

"I have read a part of it. I don't know how I learned that it would not be legal."

Fox P. McCormick, vice president and general manager for the Parker-Washington company, was then sworn. He testified that he had read Cain's affidavit in a newspaper, but he had not seen the original and did not know where it was. He was not present when it was drawn and had nothing to do with the drafting of it. Mr. Chapman is secretary of the company and its attorney at the present time.

"Where is your brother, David McCormick," asked Mr. Middlebrook.
"He was in Albany, N. Y., when he mall-

"He was in Albany, N. Y., when he mail-ed me a postal card I received this morn-When will he return?" asked Mr. Ballingal.
"That I can't say. I suppose as soon as his business in the East is completed."
"Who have you talked with about this affidavit?"
"Sayeral people; polody in particular. I

affidavit?"
"Several people; nobody in particular. I talked about it just as I would about other matters appearing in the papers."
"Did you talk with Mr. Chapman about the matter?"
"Yes, in a general way."
"Did you talk with Cain."
"Yes; I talked with Cain, but not very much. I had nothing to do with his filing or making the affidavit."
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East Sixth street; December 28; boy.
Thelan, Edward and Mary F.; 1919 West
Twenty-fourth; January 1; girl.
Hurkle, Joseph and Mary; Thirty-fourth
and Oak; January 4; boy.
Becker, Louis H. and Lillie Terry; 623
Forest; January 11; girl.
Fitzgerald, Charles M. and Millie; 2836
Jarboe; January 15; boy.
Winker, Carl and Ollie; 1732 Campbell
street; January 19; girl.
Ebbs, Joseph and Lena; 1330 Oak; January
19; girl. 19; girl. Ehlers, William H. and Dora S.; 3700 War-Wick avenue; January 20; girl. Levin, Mr. and Mrs.: Fifteenth and Cen-tral streets: January 21; boy. Miller, T. D. and Gertrude H.; 737 Locust;

Miller, T. D. and Gertrade H., as Locust, January 21; boy. Bohart, Thomas and Cora S.; 2436 Vine; January 21; girl. Wayne, Jake and Lena; 228 West Fifth; January 21; girl. Rhodes, Fred A. and Alice E.; Twenty-fifth and Vine; January 22; boy.

Deaths Reported.

Spellman, infant; 1214 East Ninth; January 21; inantion; Union.
Lewis, infant; 225 Campbell; January 22; 2 days; cyanosis; Union.
Ellis, Lena; 1230 Oak, January 22; 24 years; puerperal septicemia; Elmwood.
Smith, Elizabeth; 312 East Twelfth; January 23; 23 years; tuberculosis; St. John's.
Dehmer, Georgia; 2613 Grand; January 23; 5 months; inantion; Union.
Biersmith, Ethlyn Marie; 1219 Penn; January 23; 7 years; searlet fever; St. Mary's.
Digman, Loren; 208 Campbell; January 22; 22 years; phthisis pulmonalis; Union.
Quadlander, Victor; 1214 Oak; January 23; 11 years; septic peritonitis; St. Mary's.
Schattaek, A. A.; Forty-third and Charlotte; January 23; 24 years; abscess of brain; Forest Hill.
Fox, baby; 613 Springfield; January 23; 4 days; premature birth; Union.
Mills, Ora; 527 Traey; January 24; 3 months; spasmodic convulsion; Union, Handley, Walter Lee; Fourteenth and Norton; January 24; 1 year; capillary bronchitis; Elimwood. Deaths Reported.

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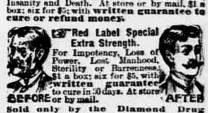
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